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INDIA'S EXTERNAL DEBT AT $558.5 BN IN MARCH

India's external debt stood at $558.5 billion in March, an increase of $15.4 billion compared to the year-ago period, according to data from RBI. Commercial borrowings remained the largest component of external debt, with a share of 39.4%. Meanwhile, the output of eight core infrastructure industries contracted for the third month in a row by 23.4% in May, owing to the coronavirus-induced lockdown, official data showed | P12

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

APTHAMITRA HELPLINE

Sri B.S. Yediyurappa
Hon'ble Chief Minister

Covid-19
- Do not travel unless it is an emergency
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14410
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(Between 8.00 am and 9.00 pm)

HELP US TO HELP YOU AND SAVE LIVES

Beijing conveys strong concern over ban on 59 apps, pushes for upholding biz rights

Un-appy China calls Indian ban unfair, discriminatory

PUSHKAR BANAKAR @New Delhi

CHINA on Tuesday reacted sharply to India's decision to ban 59 Chinese apps and said it was "seriously concerned" about the Indian government's decision. "China is strongly concerned, and we are verifying the situation. India has a responsibility to uphold the rights of Chinese businesses," foreign ministry spokesperson Zhao Lijian said.

Zhao's comments were followed by a statement that the Chinese embassy in New Delhi issued in the evening, which called the ban selective and discriminatory. Spokesperson Ji Rong said India's move "selectively and discriminatorily aims at Chinese apps on far-fetched and ambiguous grounds".

"It runs against fair and transparent procedure requirements, abuses national security exceptions, and suspects of violating the WTO rules. It also goes against the general trend of international trade and e-commerce, and is not conducive to consumer interests and the market competition in India," Ji said in the statement.

Meanwhile, Chinese Communist Party mouthpiece, *Global Times*, warned India of a 30% dip in bilateral trade due to the ban and dismissed the move as nonsensical. "While offering a lacklustre explanation for the nonsensical move, the Indian government has actually made its political crackdown on Chinese companies open and blatant," an article in the publication said.

The article went on to argue that it was difficult for India to turn nationalistic rhetoric into action. "There are no available and affordable alternatives to Chinese-made products such as smartphones, chemicals, automotive components and many other items," it claimed.

Criticising the ban, Ji said the apps had been operating strictly in accordance with Indian norms.

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Blocking of apps initiated; to be given hearing

A 'multi-level blocking of access' to 59 Chinese apps banned on Monday has already been initiated, according to government sources. Meanwhile, representatives of these mobile applications will also be allowed a hearing within 48 hours, where they can offer clarifications. The apps to be blocked include TikTok, Helo and Clash of Kings. P12

Troop build-up continues on both sides

MAYANK SINGH @New Delhi

ALTHOUGH Corps Commanders of India and China met on Tuesday to discuss ways to minimise tensions along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Eastern Ladakh, additional troop mobilisation in the area continued.

An officer aware of the matter said, "They have deployed troops all along Ladakh and it is part of the agenda points between the two Corps Commanders."

The Indian delegation led by 14 Corps Commander Lt Gen Harinder Singh and China represented by South Xinjiang Military Division Corps Commander Major General Lin Liu met for the third time to thrash out details for de-escalation on the ground.

However, both sides continued to raise their troop strength.

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20 PEOPLE DIE OF VIRUS IN A SINGLE DAY

947 Test Positive on Tuesday

KARNATAKA COVID-19 BATTLE

TOTAL CASES 15,242

246 Total Deaths | **7,918** Recoveries so far

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Covid-19 Burials Go Viral: Bodies Dumped in Ballari Pit

KIRAN BALANNANAVAR @Ballari

THE Ballari district administration has ordered a probe into mishandling of the bodies of Covid-19 victims while burying them on the city's outskirts on Monday.

A video shows medical officers dumping the bodies of some of the dead into a pit after which it is filled with mud using an earthmover. The clip went viral on social media, inviting criticism from various quarters. Ballari DC S S Nakul on Tuesday apologised to the families of the deceased and assured action against the staff for the lapse. "It should not have happened. The incident is being probed," he told *TNIE*. P7

Free food grains for poor till Nov: PM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@New Delhi

WITH full economic normalcy nowhere in sight, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday announced the extension of the free food grains programme till November. By November, the scheme would have run for eight months at a cost of ₹1.50 lakh crore and covered 80 crore people. The PM Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana provides 5 kg wheat/rice and 1 kg chana (chickpea) per month to each family free of cost.

In his address to the nation, Modi also said the country is moving in the direction of "one nation, one ration card".

Curiously, the announcement came on a day when data released by the Controller General of Accounts showed an 8% drop in the government's major subsidy bill as of May, when compared to the same time last year. The big plunge was in food (11%) and petroleum (18%) subsidy.

Acknowledging the agrarian season and the onset of festivals, Modi reasoned that the expenditure of the people would also go up in the coming months. P10

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Honorary Secretary BEA - MLA, Davangere - South

SRI S.S. MALLIKARJUN
Joint Secretary, BEA
Chairman SSIMS & RC, Davangere

FEATURES

- The SSIMS & RC Educational Institution under the dynamic leadership of Mr. S.S. Mallikarjun, has established a 1000 bedded multi super speciality teaching hospital with state of the art infrastructure.
- SSIMS & RC is spread over an area of 130 acres The focus is always on providing students with an environment that helps learning and imbibing a positive value system This can be seen in the lush green surroundings The lack of any specialty hospitals in rural Davangere often had people going to Bangalore and Manipal seeking special treatment Also the NH4 passing by Davangere was the site of many traffic accidents, necessitating immediate medical care SSIMS & RC was set up with the vision of being a tertiary referral hospital, and a Central Regional Hospital that takes care of the medical needs of the geographical area.
- The Hospital is functioning with 24 hours accident and emergency services, out patient service in patient care wards, operative services, diagnostic laboratories, Radio Diagnosis, Pharmaceutical services and other support service.
- 3 Ambulances are fully equipped with ICU on wheels concept.
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- The Medical school was established In August 2006 - With consensus and permission from State and central Government The Institute is affiliated to Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences and the Degrees awarded to students trained in the Institute are recognized by Medical Council of India, New Delhi.
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- SSIMS & RC has Auditorium of 350 capacity having push back seating arrangements and modern SSIMS & RC has four art of lecture theaters equipped with digital boards and audio-visual aids.
- The Service corridor is the backbone of SSIMS & RC Within it are located a fully stocked animal house, a power-house that supplies the entire hospital's electricity, a workshop for carrying out equipment repair and maintenance manifold rooms that supply gas and Oxygen, an A/C Plant and laundry service for both students and staff.

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